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**LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR USING INTERNET TO ATTEMPT
TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A MINOR**

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury has returned an indictment against Kishorkumar Jivanbhai Patel, age 39, of Louisville, Kentucky, for using a facility or means of interstate commerce, that is, the Internet, to knowingly attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce an individual who has not attained the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity, and with using the Internet to attempt to transfer obscene material to a minor, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber announced today.

The Indictment charges that from November 4, 2006, to January 29, 2007, Patel used the Internet to attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce an individual to engage in sexual activity. Patel was chatting in a Kentucky chat room and contacted a person Patel thought was a 14 year old girl. During the on-line communications, Patel discussed engaging in sexual activity with the person he believed to be a 14 year old girl. On December 17, 2006, he sent real time web camera images of himself masturbating to her. Eventually, Patel arranged to meet the person he thought was a minor on the afternoon of January 29, 2007, at a local shopping mall indicating that they would go to a nearby hotel where he would teach her about sex. Patel was arrested at the shopping mall by FBI agents when he arrived for the meeting at the designated meeting site.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are not less than 5 years and up to 40 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for any period of years and up to life.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marisa J. Ford, and it was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Patel is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on February 26, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only
and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven

guilty.

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